

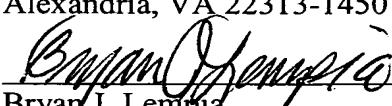


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENTS

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the notice of non-compliant amendment mailed on July 30, 2004 in the above-identified application. A revised copy of the Amendments to the Claims section of the response submitted on May 21, 2004 is attached hereto. The section has been revised to incorporate proper status identifiers. No new matter has been entered.

Entry and consideration of the Request for Continued Examination filed on July 19, 2004 and the previously unentered amendment identified therein, which was filed on May 21, 2004, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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